



## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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### GDOT SEEKS PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT AT LOCAL MEETINGS ON STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

THOMASTON –The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will be presenting the Draft FY 2012 - 2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for public review and comment.

The STIP is a four-year program that specifies federally funded transportation projects for non-urban communities in rural Georgia for fiscal years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. These projects include, but are not limited to, new construction, improvements, and maintenance for interstates and state routes, and bridges. Additional projects include bicycle and pedestrian projects, transportation enhancement projects and public transit projects.

The Thomaston District Office will assist in sponsoring four Open House meetings where the public can view the Draft FY 12-15 STIP, view maps of projects in the local area, discuss project with GDOT staff, and formally offer comments. The meetings are open to the public and all constituents are encouraged and welcome to attend.

#### Meetings in West Georgia will be held:

**Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Americus City Hall  
(Russell Thomas, Jr. Public Safety Building)  
119 South Lee Street, Americus, GA

**Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce  
200 Northside Drive  
Carrollton, GA

**Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Milledgeville Mall  
2400 N. Columbus Street, Milledgeville, GA

**Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

West Georgia Commons  
1501 Lafayette Parkway, Lagrange, GA

The general public is invited to view projects planned for Butts, Crawford, Dooly, Harris, Heard, Jones, Lamar, Macon, Marion, Meriwether, Monroe, Peach, Pike, Pulaski, Schley, Spalding, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, Troup, Twiggs, Upson, and Webster Counties. Projects for other counties in this region that are part of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (areas with more than 50,000 in population) will be available for public comment in a separate meeting, at a later date.

The Draft FY 12-15 STIP will also be available on the internet at [www.georgiastip.com](http://www.georgiastip.com). The Department looks forward to working with the public during the development of the Draft FY 12-15 STIP.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. For more information on the Georgia Department of Transportation, please visit our web site ([www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov)).

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